



CUTEST BIRDS 2015 PHOTO CONTEST

We'd like to see and share photos of your feathered friends

CONTEST RULES

Winter, spring, summer or fall, USDA APHIS' Biosecurity For Birds' campaign invites you to enter photos of your birds in all seasons for the Cutest Bird Photo Contest.

You can compete in two categories:

- **Cutest chicken or bird**
- **Cutest bird couple or family**

Winners will be chosen in each category monthly over a 4 month period beginning in December 2014. The winning images will be posted on the Biosecurity For Birds website and will be considered for the 2016 Biosecurity for Birds Calendar.

Your color photos should accurately reflect the subject matter. The main image should not be digitally altered beyond removing dust, cropping, cleaning up the background and making reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast.

All photos will be credited with the person's name. Please submit appropriate images only. Inappropriate entries will not be considered.

How to Enter

You may enter a maximum of 3 photos per person each month on the Biosecurity For Birds website, <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>. You will need to complete the online form to submit the photos.

Submission Guidelines

1. Submitted images must be in color and should be a minimum of 4"x 6" at 300 dpi. Each file should be no smaller than 4 MB using .jpg or .jpeg format.
2. Participants may submit a maximum of 3 photos per month.
3. Photos must be the work of the person submitting (unless a parent or other responsible adult is submitting for a minor), and the photographer must own all rights to the works submitted. The photographer retains ownership of all submitted images. By entering your photos you are granting USDA APHIS the right to reproduce, display and publish your images without compensation, and you are indicating that individuals in your photos have agreed to allow the USDA to reproduce, display or publish the photos that contain their likeness in any manner and without compensation.

Deadlines

The deadline for submitting entries for each of the 4 months is December 31, 2014, January 31, 2015, February 28, 2015 and March 31, 2015. Entries submitted for a particular month will be considered for that month only, unless they are resubmitted.

Judging

Judging will be done by members of the USDA APHIS public affairs staff. Images will be judged on overall impact, composition, technical quality and artistic merit. Decisions will be made in the first week of January, February, March and April for the previous month. One winner per category per month will be selected. Winner(s) will be notified by e-mail.



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